

other interested persons. In addition to the newsletter, HOPE also announced the publication of the *Women of HOPE*, an education book featuring the biographies of historical Latina icons. The premiere limited edition features Queen Isabella of Spain, Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, La Pola, Josefina Ortiz and Gabriela Mistral.

On Friday, March 13, 1998, members and leaders of our community will gather at HOPE's 7th Annual Women's History Month Symposium. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring HOPE Education and Leadership Fund for its contribution to the social, political and economic status of Latinas.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE-TIME COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CLARENCE IWAO NISHIZU

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Clarence Iwao Nishizu for his dedicated service to the Japanese American community and Orange County. Clarence grew up in Orange County where his family owned a farm and he is a graduate of Anaheim High School and Fullerton Jr. College. During World War II, all Americans of Japanese ancestry were interned as a result of Executive Order 9066. Clarence and his family were uprooted and interned at Heart Mountain, Wyoming. After the war, he and his family returned to Orange County and continued to farm with his two brothers. Due to his experience in the internment camps, Clarence continued to be an active citizen in Orange County, particularly within the Japanese American community in the areas of civil and human rights.

Clarence Nishizu was Co-founder of the Orange County Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens' League (JACL), the oldest Asian American civil rights organization. He later founded four other chapters of JACL throughout Southern California, including the SELANOCO chapter where he was past president.

In 1966, Clarence was the first Japanese American selected as the Foreman of the Orange County Grand Jury. In 1975, he received a special "Resolution of Appreciation Award" for his meritorious service from the Orange County Criminal Justice Council. Clarence was also active in the Redress campaign by testifying before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. His efforts, along with many other Japanese Americans eventually led to the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 in Congress. In 1991, the major highlights of his life were published in the Honorable Stephen K. Tamura Orange County Japanese American Oral History Project, a publication that chronicles the history of Japanese Americans in Orange County.

Now, at the age of 86, Clarence Nishizu continues to actively participate on the board of the SELANOCO Chapter of JACL. He actively fundraises to promote SELANOCO's civic responsibility program, the Presidential

Classroom scholarships, which provide opportunities for high school students to go to Washington, D.C. for leadership training.

IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 217

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last week I joined five of my colleagues in opposing HR 217, consolidation of McKinney Homeless Programs. While this legislation passed overwhelmingly, it has some clear ramifications for my district.

I support the block grant concept as well as the effort to provide local flexibility for homeless programs. However, this legislation institutes onerous matching requirements and caps on supportive services which would seriously jeopardize Portland, Oregon's existing network of services. HR 217 specifically provides funds for the construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of permanent housing. While I realize these funds are needed in other communities, this allocation is troublesome for those communities, like Portland, where many of the necessary capital investments have already been made. In these communities, federal homeless funds are needed almost entirely for the maintenance of existing programs and facilities, not necessarily new construction. I am proud of the investment my community has made in permanent housing and would like to see flexibility in the block granting process which will allow us to maintain existing programs.

LARRY SEXTON RECOGNIZED AS A TOP NEW-CAR DEALER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Larry Sexton, a dedicated Missouri businessman, who has been named a finalist of the 1998 Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award (TMQDA).

Sexton, a native of Salem, Missouri, was selected as one of the top ten new-car dealers in the nation, from a field of more than 20,500 participants. Sponsored in association with Goodyear, and in cooperation with the National Association of Automobile Dealers, the TMQDA program recognizes outstanding new-car dealers for exceptional performance in their dealerships and distinguished community service. Finalist are selected by a panel of faculty members from the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration.

Larry Sexton, a graduate of the University of Missouri, owns and operates Sellers-Sexton, Incorporated, one of South-Central Missouri's largest new-car dealers. In addition, Sexton is chairman of the Fort Leonard Wood Regional Commerce and Growth Association and vice president of the Fifth Regional Association of the United States Army. He also serves on the executive board of the Committee of Fifty and the Missouri Highway Corridor Coalition.

Mr. Speaker, Larry Sexton is an outstanding businessman and a good friend. His service to

his business and his community is to be commended. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Larry for being named one of the top-ten new-car dealers in the United States.

TRIBUTE TO THE HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the Hammond High School wrestling team on their outstanding accomplishments during the 1997-1998 season. Having previously captured County, Regional and State Dual Meet championships, as well as team titles in the Howard County and South Region Tournaments, on March 6-7 the Golden Bears completed a sweep of all six championships by winning the Class 1A/2A Maryland Public High Schools State Wrestling Tournament team title for the first time.

Led by a core of experienced junior and senior wrestlers, the Hammond High School team sought out the highest level of competition, wrestling against teams from throughout Maryland, as well as Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and as far away as California. Committed to both individual and team excellence, the Golden Bears achieved outstanding results in all weight classes. The team was undefeated in 18 dual meets and all 13 wrestlers finished in the top four places at the Howard County Tournament. Without a single returning County champion, this year's Hammond High team produced six County and two Regional champions. Two Hammond wrestlers, Scott Osborn and Matt Nelson, placed 2nd in the State, and one, Vaymond Dennis, finished the season as the 112 pound Maryland State Champion.

As noteworthy as the achievements of the team on the wrestling mat, Coach Bill Smith and his staff should be commended for their uncompromising attention to the personal development of these young men. From the first day of practice in November, team members were required to meet high standards—of academic performance and of personal behavior. I applaud Coach Smith, as an educator, for teaching lessons that will have value long into the future.

I offer my congratulations to Dr. Sylvia Patillo, Principal of Hammond High School, as well as to the parents and fans of the Golden Bear wrestling team. I am sure that they are proud, as I am, of the accomplishments of the student-athletes of the 1997-1998 team. I am pleased to note that the school's tradition of wrestling excellence now includes a Maryland State Tournament Championship title.

DISTRUST IN GOVERNMENT

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday,